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ABSTRACT

This comprehensive text examines various aspects of the Native American languages of California, including historical perspectives, daily usage, language domains, language maintenance, men's and women's language, and counting systems. Chapter 1 surveys the Indian languages spoken in California and shows how many people speak each one. Part 2 is a series of essays on what languages tell us about the history of their speakers. Part 3 explores aspects of the vocabulary and grammar of California Indian languages. Part 4 examines ways in which prejudice and oppression have led to the decline and death of Indian languages in California, and Part 5 is a set of chapters on how the people who speak and study California Indian languages are struggling to keep them alive. The book concludes with an examination on how linguistics can and should relate to the needs of the communities being studied. (VWL)

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